(*a*) the total tonnage of all vessels that entered the Port of Colachel during the years 1939 and 1940 ; and

(*b*) the probable date or period when it was first used as a Port ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR :

(*a*)

Year.	Tonnage Tons.
1939	1,11,879
1940 (up to 10-6-40)	61,931

(*b*) The date is not known. It is being used as a port from very ancient times.

Municipal Councillors as Honorary Magistrates.

411. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any rule or practice to the effect that Municipal Councillors should not be appointed as Honorary Magistrates ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the rule was followed by the Government in the appointment of Honorary Magistrates during the current year ?

MR. M. K NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) No.

(b) This does not arise in view of answer to part (a).

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Sir, may I know whether in appointing Municipal Councillors as Honorary Magistrates, Government are aware of the inconvenience caused to the public in the trial of cases charged by the Municipal Councils?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Yes. There is a rule that Municipal Councillors who are Honorary Magistrates should not try cases charged by the Municipalities.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Sir, will not a majority of Municipal Councillors functioning as Honorary Magistrates in a court hamper considerably the cause of justice?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Likely.

Graduate clerks in the Registration Department.

412. * MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a seniority list of the graduate clerks in the Registration Department showing their date of first appointment and present pay with allowance if any ?

MR. K. SANKARAN : The time and labour involved in collecting the information will not be commensurate with the purpose it will serve.

Sub-Registrars

413. * MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of the Sub-Registrars who are in a particular station for more than three years, either continuously or in aggregate ?

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